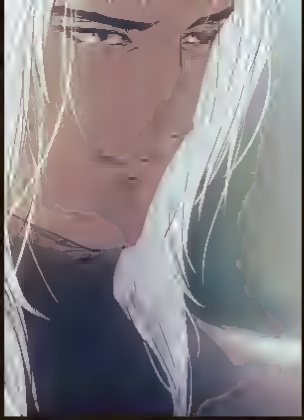
MAGICIAN

SEASON 3 EPISODE 03
NIGHTMARE (01)

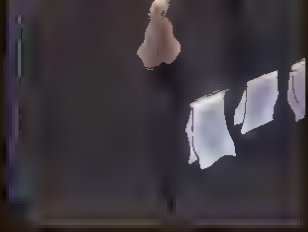
NOTHING
HAS CHANGED

SA

IT'S AS IF THE CLOCK HAS STOPPED TICKING HERE.
TAP
TAP
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN 5 YEARS ALREADY.
HONESTLY I THOUGHT I WOULD SEE SOME CHANGES...



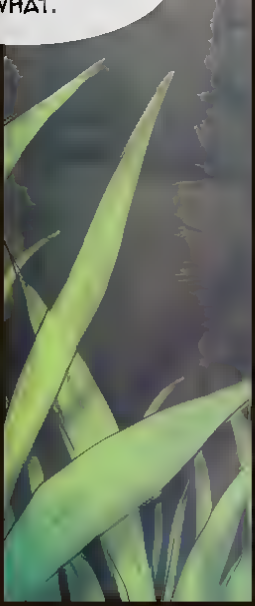
DID I EXPECT
TOO MUCH?

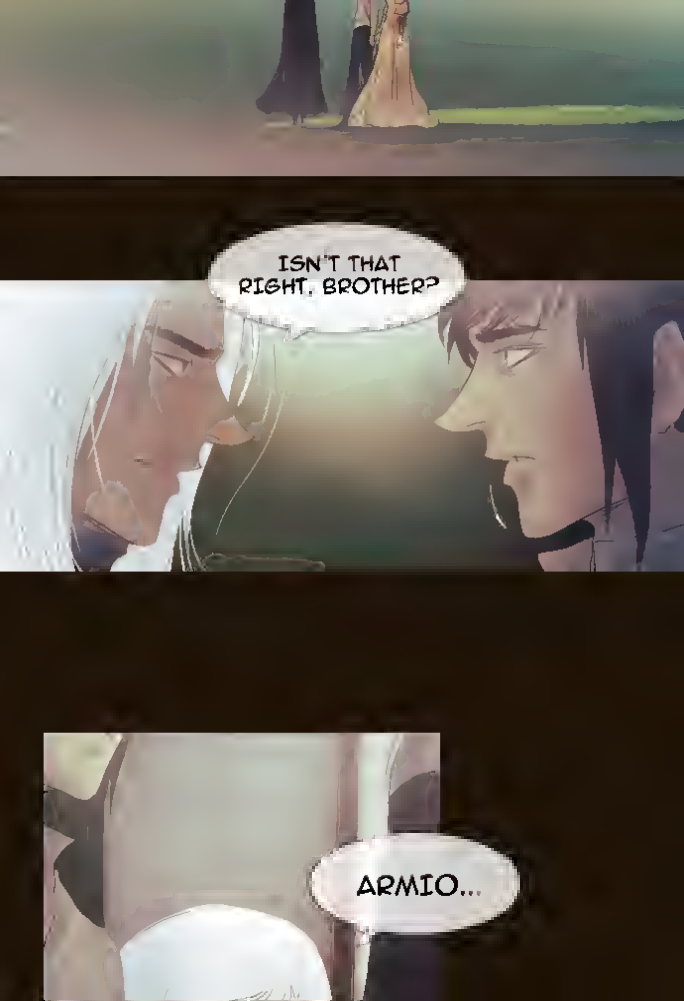


THE ONLY THING THAT SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED IS THE FADED HOUSE

OH, AND
I SAW THE COTTAGE
I USED TO LIVE IN HAS
BECOME A RUIN
COME TO THINK OF IT,
ALL THAT IS ABANDONED
AND STOPPED IN TIME,
GET WORN OUT AND
BROKEN. NO MATTER

WHAT.

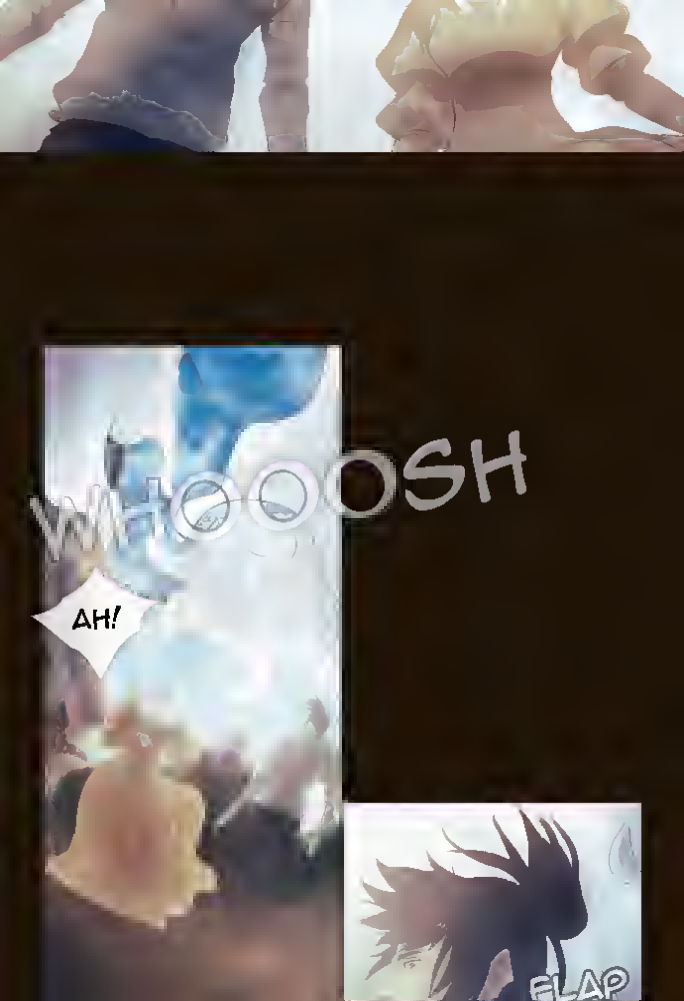


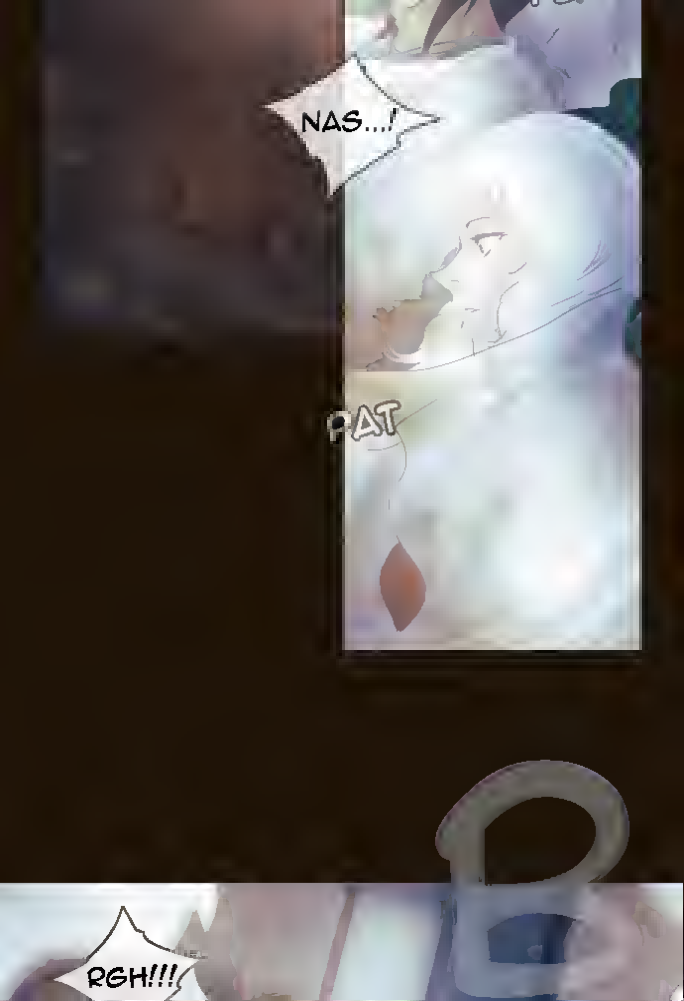

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BROTHER?
ARMIO...

ARMIO...

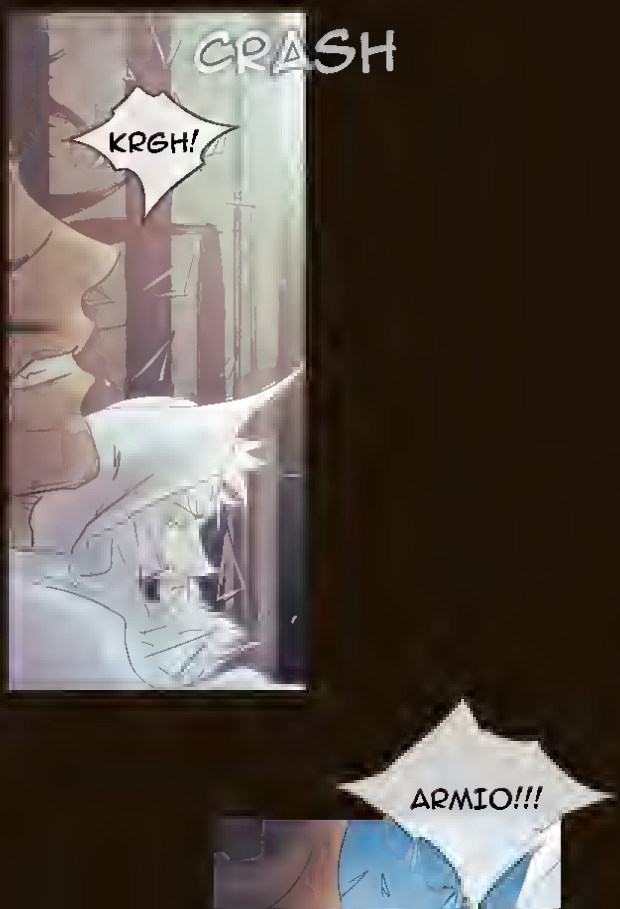
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR...?

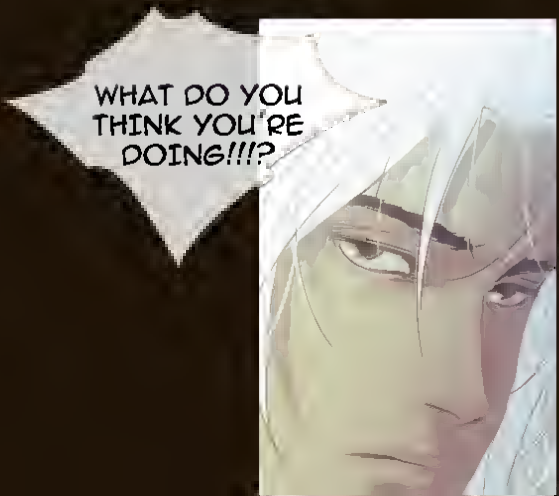
FLINCH
WHOOM
HM?
HUH?


WHOOOSH
AH!
FLAP

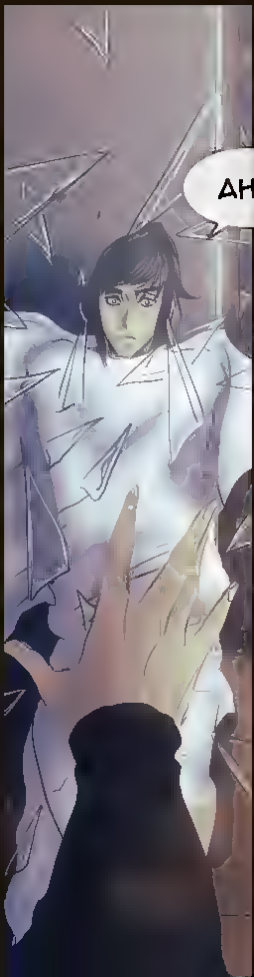

NAS...!
PAT
RGH!!!

AH!!!


CRASH
KRGH!
ARMIO!!!


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!!!?

SA


AH...

WHOOO
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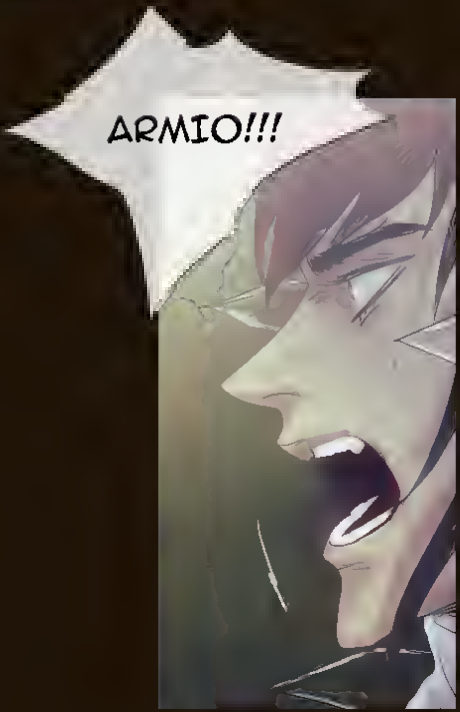
RGH...

OH!!!

KRGH!


ARMIO!!!

YOU RASCAL!!!
LET US FREE THIS INSTANT!!!
WHY ARE YOU...!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...!
SA

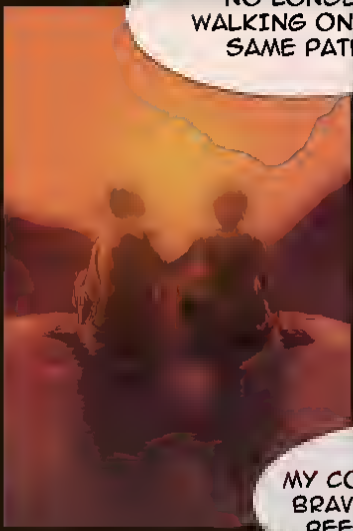
KRGH!

DAMN IT...!
KRGH...!
ARMIO!!!

ON MY WAY HERE, I LOOKED BACK INTO YOUR PAST 10 YEARS.
WHAT?

YOU ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HAIR?
THEN I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU THIS.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU CHANGED ONE BIT?

I HAVE BEEN FROM WAR TO WAR FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS, RISKING MY OWN LIFE JUST TO KEEP OUR PROMISE
BUT YOU?


WE ARE NO LONGER WALKING ON THE SAME PATH
MY COURAGEOUS AND BRAVE BROTHER HAS BEEN LONG GONE.
WAS IT COMFORT THAT CHANGED YOU? YOU SOUGHT FOR STABILITY INSTEAD OF ADVENTURE AND,

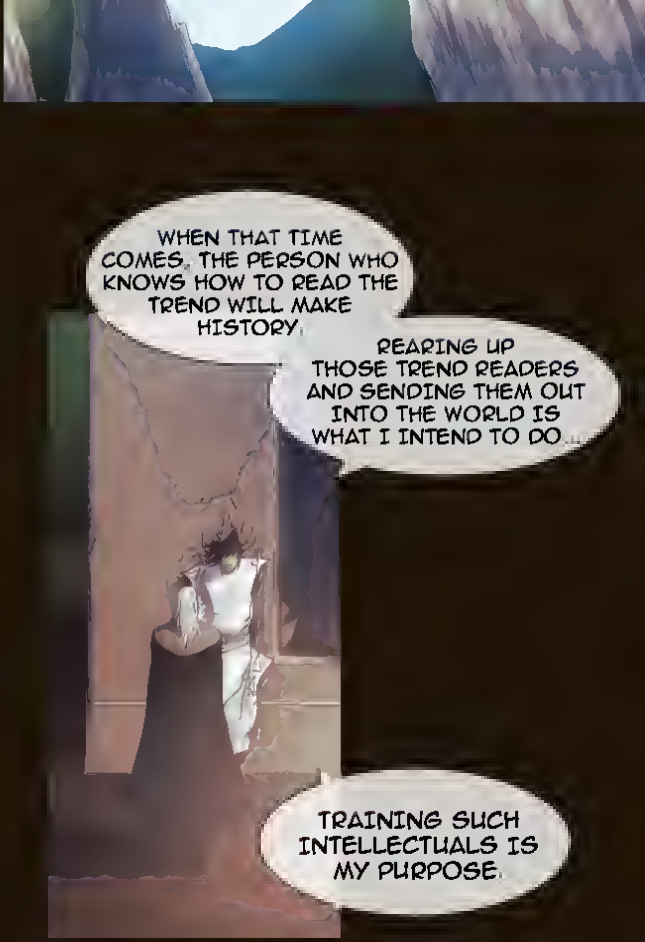
YOU STARTED TO DO THINGS THAT WENT AGAINST MY THOUGHTS.
AND THAT COMFORT YOU HAVE GAINED.

HAS TURNED YOU COMPLACENT, LEADING YOU TO DESTROY YOURSELF.
AND YOUR FAILURES...
SA
IS THIS ALL BECAUSE OF NASTASHA?
WHAT!?

ME?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NASTASHA!!!
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WITH YOU!!!
YOU NEVER EVEN TRIED TO UNDERSTAND ALL THAT I DID!!!

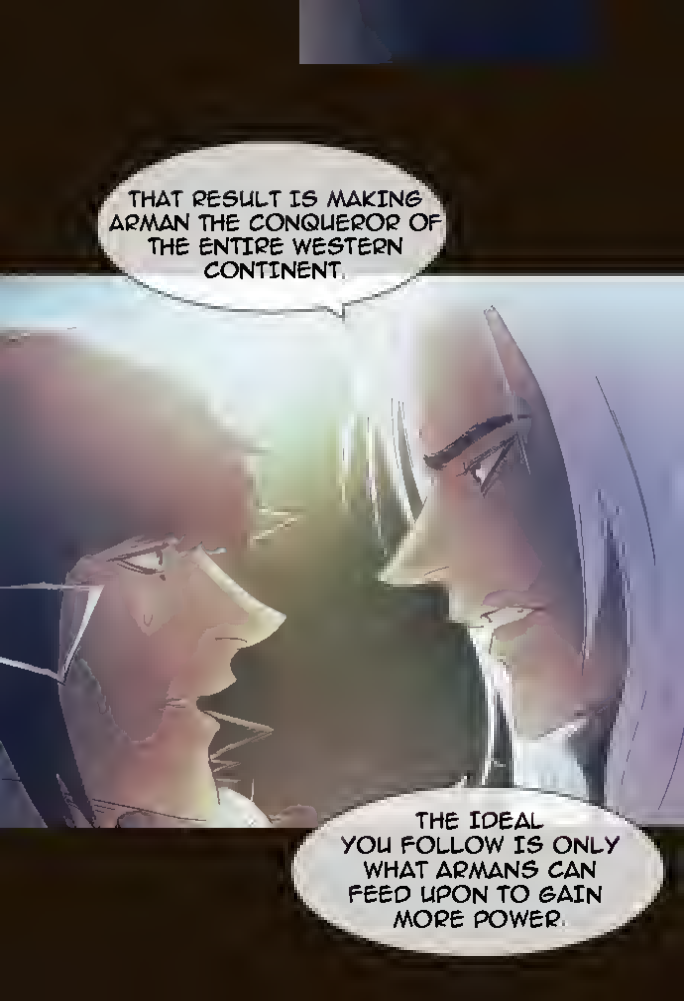
HAVE YOU EVEN ONCE THOUGHT OF WHAT I BELIEVE IN, WHAT I DREAM OF, WHAT I WISH TO ACCOMPLISH?
ALL I DID WAS FOR OUR PROMISE AS WELL!!!

OUR METHODS ARE DIFFERENT BUT WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME PURPOSE!!!
THE WORLD IS CHANGING.
AND THERE IS A LIMIT TO CONQUEST WARS FOUNDED UPON PHYSICAL STRENGTH.
THE PERIOD OF SYSTEMATIC COOPERATION WILL SOON COME.

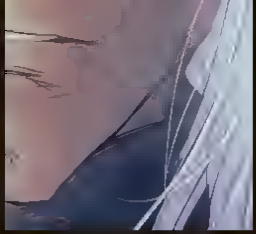

WHEN THAT TIME COMES, THE PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO READ THE TREND WILL MAKE HISTORY.
REARING UP THOSE TREND READERS AND SENDING THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD IS WHAT I INTEND TO DO...
TRAINING SUCH INTELLECTUALS IS MY PURPOSE.

AND I HAVE ALREADY SOWED THE SEEDS.
EVEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT I HAVE PEOPLE TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD WORKING FOR US
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
NESS...

THEY WILL OPEN A NEW WORLD FOR US.
A MATTER OF TIME?
HMPH
A NEW WORLD?


THAT RESULT IS MAKING ARMAN THE CONQUEROR OF THE ENTIRE WESTERN CONTINENT.
THE IDEAL YOU FOLLOW IS ONLY WHAT ARMANS CAN FEED UPON TO GAIN MORE POWER.

TAP
CAN YOU TELL ARMAN'S KING THE SAME THING?



HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE GETTING CRUSHED AND KILLED BY ARMAN?

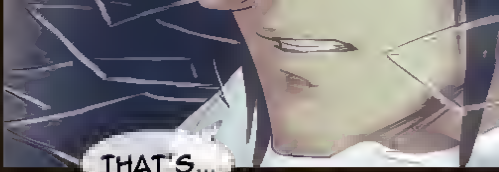
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOUR BELIEFS HAVE A PLACE IN THIS WORLD AT THIS TIME?

NO.
YOUR BELIEFS ONLY WEAKEN EVERYONE.
THAT THEY WEAKEN EVERYONE?
THEN TELL ME HOW YOU ARE DIFFERENT FROM ARMAN.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST JOIN ARMAN AND WIPE OUT THE WORLD?

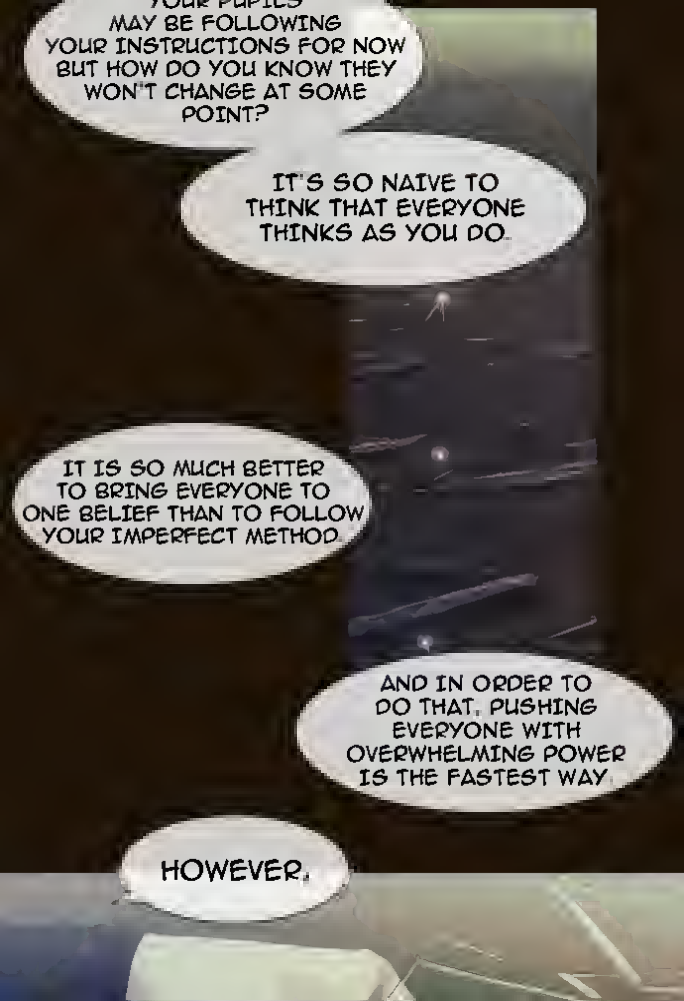
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU AND ARMAN HAVE IN COMMON?
.....
DON'T COME SEARCHING FOR AN EXCUSE FOR YOUR FAILURE IN ME AND LOOK BACK ON YOUR OWN FAULTS
STOP ACTING LIKE A CHILD.

HAHA...
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN I TALK WITH YOU BROTHER.
IT'S NOTHING NEW.

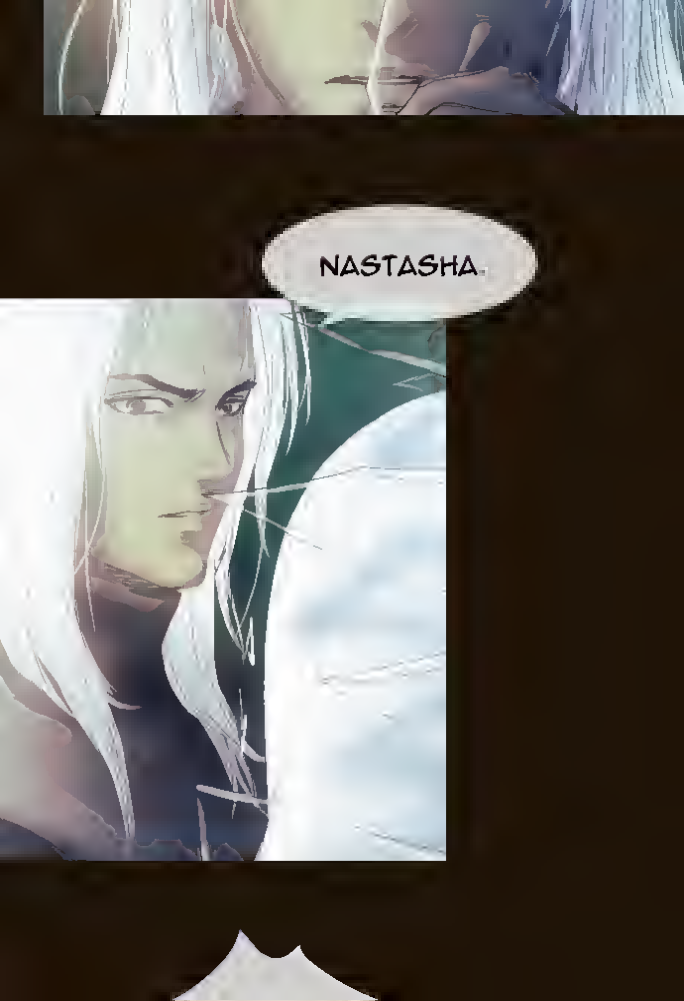
BUT YOU MUST KNOW THAT I AM FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM ARMAN.
DENOUNCING ME LIKE THAT FOR MY METHODS WHEN ARMAN AND MY PURPOSE ARE DIFFERENT IS BELITTLING ME TOO MUCH

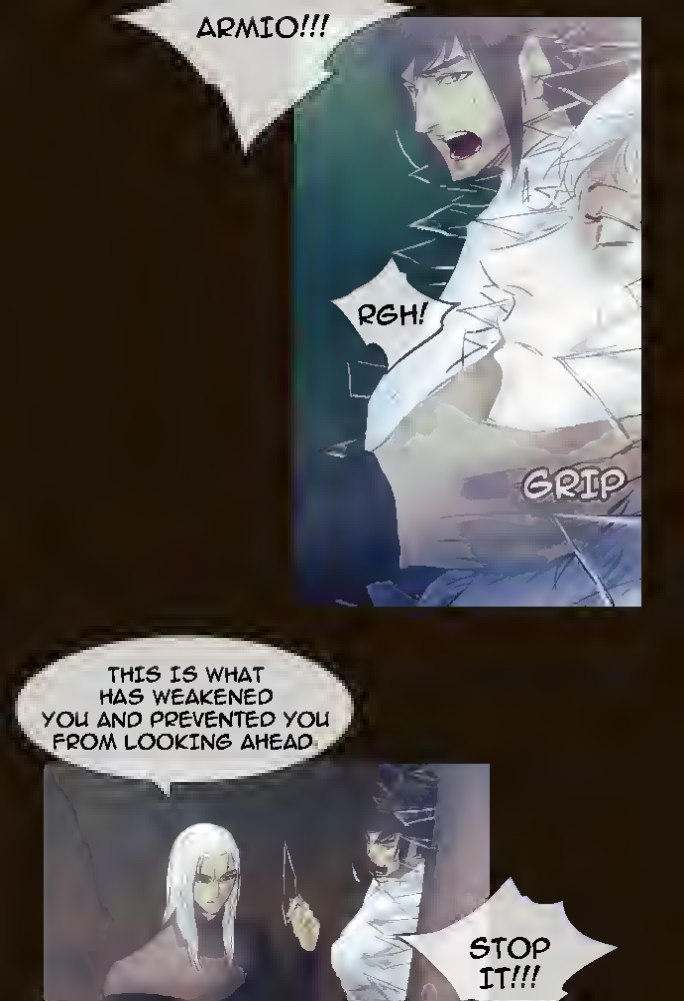

THAT'S...

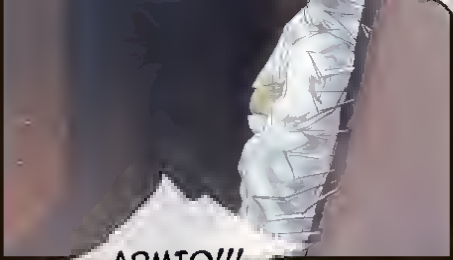
YOU MAY WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE CHANGED TOO BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE.
BESIDES YOUR METHOD IS TOO UNSTABLE AND RISKY.
JUST AS IT IS IN OUR CASE. DIFFERENT THOUGHTS CLASH WITH EACH OTHER OFTEN.


YOUR PUPILS MAY BE FOLLOWING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOW BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY WON'T CHANGE AT SOME POINT?
IT'S SO NAIVE TO THINK THAT EVERYONE THINKS AS YOU DO.
IT IS SO MUCH BETTER TO BRING EVERYONE TO ONE BELIEF THAN TO FOLLOW YOUR IMPERFECT METHOD.
AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, PUSHING EVERYONE WITH OVERWHELMING POWER IS THE FASTEST WAY.
HOWEVER,

CRIICK
THERE IS A BIG OBSTACLE
A BIG OBSTACLE BETWEEN YOU AND ME...

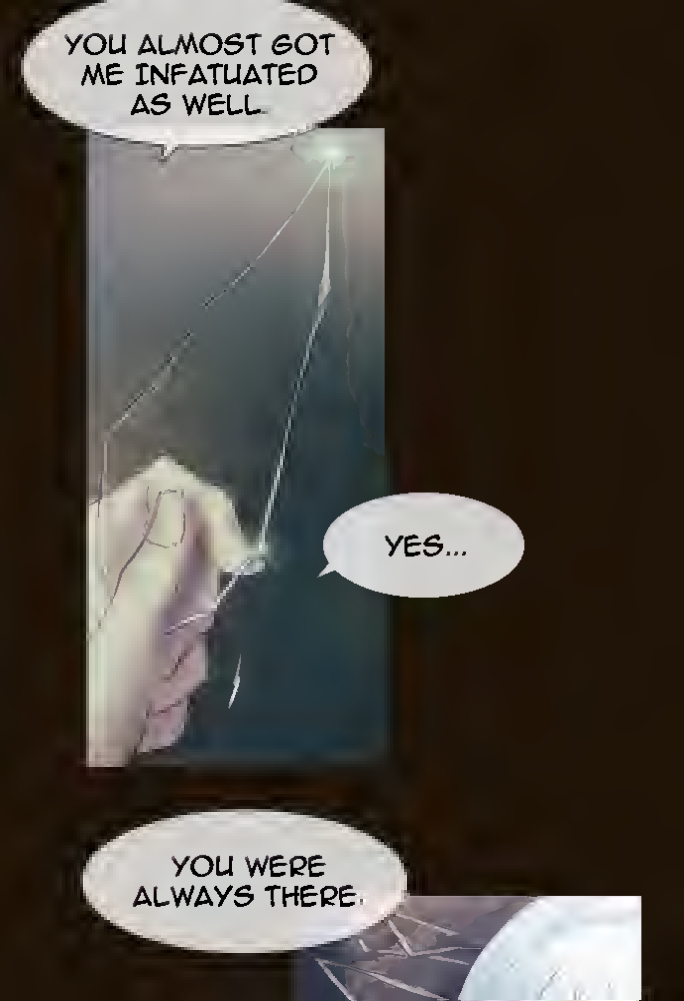

NASTASHA.


ARMIO!!!
RGH!
GRIP
THIS IS WHAT HAS WEAKENED YOU AND PREVENTED YOU FROM LOOKING AHEAD
STOP IT!!!


ARMIO!!!

ARMIO!!!

MM.... MM....
YES, YOU ARE THE CULPRIT.


YOU ALMOST GOT ME INFATUATED AS WELL.
YES...
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE.

SSS
RGH!
ARMIO YOU RASCAL! STOP THIS INSTANT!!!

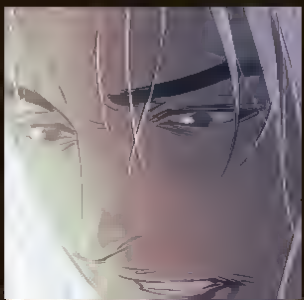
KRGH!!!
ARMIO!!!

YOU CRAZY LITTLE...!
RIIIP
BASTARD!!!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
COUGH COUGH!

CHASK

THUD
THUD



KRGH!
ARE YOU HURT?
I... I'M OKAY.

STAY HERE, AWAY FROM HIM.
TAP

NESS?
STAY RIGHT HERE. I'LL DEAL WITH ARMIO.

NESS!

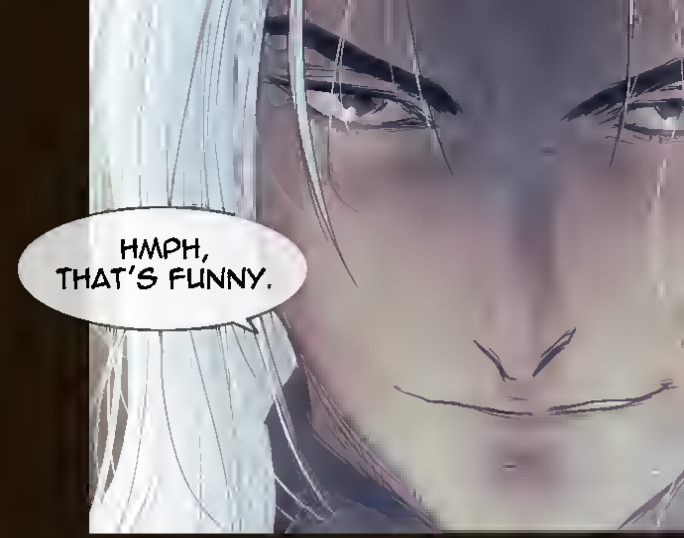
N, NO...
HO...
SA

YOU HAVE LOST YOUR MIND. YOU'RE FIGHTING AGAINST ME?
HAHA, ME?
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT.

I JUST WANT TO TALK WITH YOU.
YOU WANT TO TALK?
YES, TALK.

TALK, HUH...

GRRT



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